GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACT
VAIKO

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to give more powers to Human Rights Courts by making suitable amendments in the protection of Human Rights Act;

(b) the details of the States in which such special courts have been set up so far;

(c) the time by which the special courts are likely to be set up in most of the States; and

(d) the efforts being made to ensure time bound disposal of cases by these courts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): No, Sir.
(b): As per the information available, such Courts have been notified in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Mehalaya, Himachal, Pradesh, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, and Tripura.
(c)&(d): The protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 has an enabling provision for the State Governments to specify for each district, a court of session to be a human rights court, to try offences arising out of violation of human rights. The central Government has been writing to the concerned States to expedite notification of Human Rights Courts, in each district.
As per Article 227 of the Constitution, the High Court has superintendence over all courts throughout the territories in relation to which it exercises jurisdiction and in lieu of this may issue general rules for regulating the practice and proceedings of such courts.